SPECIFICATION

Please make the following changes to the specification:

On page 8, please change the first paragraph to:

By making a number of simplifying assumptions about the relationship between the
target 'slave' device and its interrogating >~~master~~= 'master' device, the obligations of the
receiving software (See Appendix A) can be reduced from the traditional 'network
protocol stack' consisting of a number of interacting software (See Appendix A)
components to simpler 'state machine' where the correct response to an incoming request
can be rapidly determined from the content of the start of the request message. For one
embodiment of the present invention, the following are the significant assumptions:

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